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- Investigators reported February 5 that a gas leak that killed 4 workers at a DuPont chemical plant in LaPorte, Texas, in November 2014 was traced to a faulty ventilation system. – *Associated Press* (See item [2](#))
- Officials reported that Scoular Co., of Omaha, Nebraska, was defrauded out of \$17.2 million in June 2014 when perpetrators impersonated a company official and outside auditing firm via email and ordered the Scoular controller to wire 3 separate payments to the Shanghai Pudong Development Bank in China. – *Omaha World-Herald* (See item [4](#))
- Seventeen railcars of a Canadian Pacific Railway train hauling ethanol derailed February 4 near Dubuque, Iowa, causing 3 cars to ignite and 8 cars to leak their contents, including 3 cars that fell into the Mississippi River. – *Associated Press* (See item [8](#))
- About 1-2 gallons of ammonia spilled from a refrigeration unit inside a strawberry processing plant in Ballico, California, February 5 prompting the evacuation of about 475 employees and sending 24 workers to area hospitals. – *Merced Sun-Star* (See item [10](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *February 6, Washington Observer-Reporter* – (Pennsylvania) **Catastrophe avoided at Marcellus well pad fire.** The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection continued to investigate February 5 to determine how much oil leaked from a hydraulic line and what caused the substance to catch fire at Range Resources' Jeffries Elisabeth pad in North Strabane Township when a large fire broke out at the Marcellus Shale natural gas well pad February 4.

Source: <http://www.observer-reporter.com/article/20150205/NEWS01/150209735>

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Chemical Industry Sector

2. *February 5, Associated Press* – (Texas) **Regulators: Design flaws led to DuPont plant deadly gas leak.** Federal investigators reported February 5 that a gas leak that killed 4 workers at a DuPont chemical plant in LaPorte in November 2014 can be traced to a faulty ventilation system that exposed workers to more than 23,000 pounds of methyl mercaptan, a highly toxic and flammable chemical typically used in insecticides. An investigation revealed that liquid routinely built up inside the plant's vents due to a flawed system design and that workers manually drained the system potentially exposing them to the chemicals that accumulated inside.

Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory/regulators-design-flaws-led-dupont-plant-deadly-gas-28752076>

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

3. *February 4, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Ohio) **OSHA cites BRT Extrusion after worker was crushed to death.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited BRT Extrusions Inc., in Niles February 4 for 6 serious safety violations for exposing workers to dangerous machinery and other hazards, after a machine operator was killed while reaching into an extrusion press after the machine's power was not fully powered off in August 2014. Proposed penalties total \$28,000.

Source:

https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=27333

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Financial Services Sector

4. ***February 5, Omaha World-Herald*** – (International) **Impostors bilk Omaha's Scoular Co. out of \$17.2 million.** Officials reported that Scoular Co., of Omaha was defrauded out of \$17.2 million in June 2014 when perpetrators impersonated the company's chief executive and outside auditing firm via email and ordered the Scoular controller to wire 3 separate payments to the Shanghai Pudong Development Bank in China, to be held for Dadi Co. Ltd. The FBI is seeking to recover the lost funds and continues to investigate the incident.

Source: http://www.omaha.com/money/impostors-bilk-omaha-s-scoular-co-out-of-million/article_25af3da5-d475-5f9d-92db-52493258d23d.html

5. ***February 5, Los Angeles Times*** – (California) **Suspected bank robber shot and killed by police after chase in Chino.** A man who robbed the Corona branch of the Pacific Premier Bank February 4 was killed in a shootout with police after allegedly carjacking a vehicle and leading a pursuit that ended in Chino, after crashing the car.

Source: <http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-suspected-bank-robber-shot-dead-20150205-story.html>

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Transportation Systems Sector

6. ***February 5, Wilson County News*** – (Texas) **Overturned tanker shuts down stretch of S.H. 80.** The Karnes County Sheriff reported that a stretch of S.H. 80 was shut down February 5 for at least 3 hours while HAZMAT crews cleared the scene after a semi-truck hauling gasoline overturned and spilled an unspecified amount of spilled fuel.
Source: <http://www.wilsoncountynews.com/article.php?id=63924&n=breaking-news-overturned-tanker-shuts-down-stretch-sh>

7. ***February 5, WXII 12 Winston-Salem*** – (North Carolina) **Truck carrying lawn mowers overturns, closes Highway 311 north in Winston-Salem.** Both lanes of Highway 311 north in Winston-Salem were closed for approximately 6 hours February 5 after a semi-truck carrying lawn mowers overturned. The driver of the semi-truck was not injured and crews responded to the scene to move the lawn mowers onto another truck.
Source: <http://www.wxii12.com/news/truck-carrying-lawnmowers-overturns-on-us-311/31110332>

8. ***February 5, Dubuque Telegraph Herald*** – (Iowa) **Ethanol from derailed train leaked**

into Mississippi. Fifteen railcars and 2 locomotives of a Canadian Pacific Railway freight train hauling ethanol derailed February 4 near Dubuque, Iowa, causing 3 cars to ignite and at least 8 cars to leak their contents, including 3 cars that fell into the frozen Mississippi River. Crews worked to unload the derailed cars so they can be safely removed from the scene while authorities analyzed the impact of potential ethanol leakage into the river.

Source: http://lacrossetribune.com/news/local/state-and-regional/ethanol-from-derailed-train-leaked-into-mississippi/article_794f6b48-91a8-544f-9a65-d5f47898346f.html

9. **February 5, Associated Press – (California) Patches of dense fog hamper southern California airports.** The Federal Aviation Administration reported that 12 inbound flights at Los Angeles International Airport were diverted February 4 due to dense fog conditions that also affected airports in San Diego, Long Beach, and Orange County.
Source: <http://www.ktvn.com/story/28033762/patches-of-dense-fog-hamper-southern-california-airports>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

10. **February 5, Merced Sun-Star – (California) Ammonia spill in Ballico sends 24 to the hospital.** About 1-2 gallons of liquid ammonia spilled from a refrigeration unit inside the Sierra Cascade Nursery strawberry processing plant in Ballico February 5 prompting the evacuation of about 475 employees and sending 24 workers to area hospitals. Authorities contained the spill and continue to investigate the incident while operations at the plant were scheduled to resume February 6.
Source: <http://www.mercedsunstar.com/news/local/article9345953.html>
11. **February 5, U.S. Food and Drug Administration – (Washington) Christ Kitchen issues allergy alert on undeclared milk in Blameless Blondies cookie bar.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported February 3 that Christ Kitchen recalled 199 packages of Blameless Blondies Brownie cookie bars due to undeclared milk. The product was sold in 15-ounce packages at several Spokane-area retail locations including the Christ Kitchen company store from October-December 2014.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm433109.htm>
12. **February 4, WMAZ 13 Macon – (Georgia) No bomb found at Perdue Farms in Perry.** The Perdue Farms chicken processing plant in Perry was evacuated February 4 while police investigated a bomb threat that was phoned into the facility. The plant was cleared to reopen about 3 hours later after nothing suspicious was found.
Source: <http://www.13wmaz.com/story/news/local/perry/2015/02/04/perdue-farms-bomb-threat-perry/22849841/>

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

13. *February 5, KSPR 33 Springfield* – (Missouri) **Boil order in affect for parts of Texas County.** Around 500 homes in Texas County, Missouri, were placed under a boil order February 5 after 2 wells from The Public Water Supply District #1 went down February 3, cutting the water supply for that area. One well was brought back online February 5 and repairs to the second well were expected to be complete by February 6.
Source: http://www.kspr.com/news/local/boil-order-in-affect-for-parts-of-texas-county/21051620_31120034

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

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Government Facilities Sector

14. *February 6, WIS 10 Columbia* – (South Carolina) **Coroner expected to release more information on two killed in USC murder-suicide.** The University of South Carolina's Arnold School of Public Health was closed for several hours February 5 while authorities investigated after two people were killed, including a university professor, inside the building. Police lifted a precautionary lockdown of the campus after learning the incident was an isolated event.
Source: <http://www.wistv.com/story/28035243/usc-says-threat-is-over-after-police-respond-to-active-shooter-on-campus>
15. *February 6, WLKY 32 Louisville* – (Kentucky) **20 students taken to hospital after crash involving bus, semi, police vehicle.** A bus driver and 20 students were injured and transported to area hospitals after an accident involving a police vehicle, Jefferson County Public School bus, and a semi-truck in Louisville February 6.
Source: <http://www.wlky.com/news/school-bus-police-vehicle-involved-in-accident/31129932>
16. *February 6, Newnan Times-Herald* – (Georgia) **School bus, SUV wreck on Hwy. 16.** Thirteen students from Evans Middle School and Newnan High School in Georgia were transported to an area hospital as a precaution following a nearly head-on collision between their school bus and another vehicle on Highway 16 in Coweta County February 5.
Source: <http://www.times-herald.com/local/Students-taken-to-hospital-after-school-bus-accident2015-02-05T06-57-18>
17. *February 5, KHOU 11 Houston* – (Texas) **Pepper spray incident affects 14 Katy ISD**

students. Fourteen Seven Lakes Junior High School students in Katy, Texas, were treated by a school nurse after a student accidentally set off a can of pepper spray in a classroom February 5. The classroom was evacuated and officials were notified.

Source: <http://www.khou.com/story/news/local/2015/02/05/pepper-spray-incident-affects-14-students-at-katy-isd/22944883/>

18. **February 5, WABC 7 New York City** – (New York) **21 taken to hospital in HAZMAT situation at Queens school.** Twenty-one Holy Child Jesus Catholic Academy students were transported to local hospitals in the Queens area of New York City February 5 after a faulty science project caused a chemical spill that filled a classroom with either smoke or gas. The science room the students were in was evacuated and firefighters responded to the scene.

Source: <http://7online.com/news/21-taken-to-hospital-in-hazmat-situation-at-queens-school/505542/>

19. **February 5, USA Today** – (Washington, D.C.; Maryland) **Army vet threatens U.S. Capitol shooting spree.** Police arrested a Maryland man February 2 at his home after he threatened a violent shooting rampage at the U.S. Capitol building in Washington, D.C., with plans to target his wife who is a U.S. Senate staffer that works in the building. The retired U.S. Army veteran sent threatening text messages to his wife and made threatening comments over the phone while authorities were present.

Source: <http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2015/02/05/army-vet-threatens-capitol-shooting-spree/22929333/>

20. **February 5, Reuters** – (Illinois) **Five babies at suburban Chicago daycare center have measles: report.** A KinderCare Learning Center in Chicago underwent a deep cleaning February 4 and officials urged all unvaccinated children and staff who may have been exposed to the measles to keep away from the center until February 24 after 5 babies were diagnosed with the virus, adding to an ongoing outbreak of the disease across the U.S.

Source: <http://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/five-babies-at-suburban-chicago-daycare-center-have-measles-report/ar-AA91CfX>

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Emergency Services Sector

21. **February 5, WMAR 2 Baltimore; Associated Press** – (Maryland) **Five of eight defendants convicted in Baltimore jail corruption trial.** Five of 8 defendants were convicted by a federal judge February 5 for their roles in a racketeering conspiracy at a Baltimore City jail, as part of a 44-person indictment handed down in 2013.

Source: <http://www.abc2news.com/news/breaking-news/five-of-eight-defendants-convicted-in-baltimore-jail-corruption-trial>

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Information Technology Sector

22. *February 6, Securityweek* – (International) **Zero-day flaw in WordPress plugin used to inject malware into sites.** WordPress patched a zero-day flaw in its FancyBox plugin after Sucuri researchers noted the vulnerability could allow attackers to inject malware or scripts into Web sites, after numerous users complained of malicious “iframe” injections on their sites.
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/zero-day-flaw-wordpress-plugin-used-inject-malware-sites>
23. *February 6, Securityweek* – (International) **Adobe Flash Player security update fixes 18 vulnerabilities.** Adobe released updates that patch a total of 18 Flash Player vulnerabilities, including fixes for use-after-free flaws and two types of confusion vulnerabilities.
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/adobe-flash-player-security-update-fixes-18-vulnerabilities>

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24. *February 6, WMAZ 13 Macon* – (Georgia) **Two arrested in Macon nightclub shooting.** Police arrested 2 suspects February 5 in connection with a February 2 shooting outside Club Status in Macon, Georgia, where one of the suspects shot an individual following an altercation inside the business.
Source: <http://www.13wmaz.com/story/news/local/macon/2015/02/05/suspect-arrested-in-macon-nightclub-shooting/22955919/>
25. *February 5, WSMV 4 Nashville* – (Tennessee) **New case of norovirus reported at Opryland Hotel.** Health officials confirmed February 5 a new case of norovirus at the Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center in Nashville and are testing additional guests who have come forward complaining of symptoms. The hotel is undergoing a deep cleaning for the second time since a confirmed norovirus outbreak in January.
Source: <http://www.wrcbtv.com/story/28026950/new-case-of-norovirus-reported-at->

opryland-hotel

26. *February 4, Lynn Daily Item* – (Massachusetts) **No injuries in Marblehead strip mall roof collapse.** All businesses at the Pleasant Street strip mall in Marblehead were closed following a roof collapse February 3 at a Walgreens store which caused significant structural damage to adjacent businesses. Officials are investigating what caused the collapse and are working to determine the extent of damage.
Source: http://www.itemlive.com/news/no-injuries-in-marblehead-strip-mall-roof-collapse/article_6be222cc-ac2b-11e4-a7af-5f85eb25c455.html

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Dams Sector

27. *February 6, Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel* – (Wisconsin) **County Board votes for Estabrook Dam repairs; veto likely.** The Milwaukee County Board voted February 5 to proceed with up to \$1.6 million in repair work at the Estabrook Dam on the Milwaukee River and rescind the board's authorization of an unfunded dam demolition project from the 2015 capital budget. A hearing set for July will consider the benefits of repair and removal of the dam.
Source: <http://www.jsonline.com/news/milwaukee/board-votes-for-estabrook-dam-repairs-abele-veto-likely-b99439699z1-290947371.html>

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